

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BOMBAY 00631 111027Z

15

ACTION OES-05

INFO OCT-01 NEA-10 ISO-00 ERDA-05 L-03 AID-05 FEA-01

ACDA-05 CIAE-00 INR-07 IO-11 NSAE-00 NSC-05 EB-07

NRC-05 DODE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 ERDE-00 /070 W

----- 087142

O R 111000Z MAR 76

FM AMCONSUL BOMBAY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6237

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BOMBAY 0631

EO 11652: NA

TAGS: TECH

SUBJ: TARAPUR NUCLEAR FUEL EXPORT LICENSE

REF: STATE 57036

1. MY INITIAL DISCUSSIONS ON MAR 10 WITH J.C.SHAH AND CHAIRMAN SETHNA LED ME TO BELIEVE THAT SETHNA, WHILE INSISTING THAT HE INTENDED TO GIVE DIRECT, FULL AND COMPLETE ANSWERS TO QUERIES POSED REFTEL, WOULD STILL COME UP WITH DATA FALLING SHORT OF OUR NEEDS. CONSEQUENTLY, I ADDED A SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTION WORDED AS FOLLOWS, "ANY OTHER DATA THAT BEARS ON THE URGENCY PROBLEM". I EXPLAINED ORALLY TO SETHNA THAT THIS QUESTION WAS DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT DATA RESPONDING TO OTHER QUESTIONS WOULD PERMIT THE DEPARTMENT TO KNOW JUST HOW MUCH OF A CUT IN POWER OUTPUT COULD BE EXPECTED AND WHEN THIS CUT WOULD COME INTO EFFECT IF THERE WERE A CONTINUING DELAY IN THE ISSUANCE OF LICENSES.

2. SETHNA'S MAIN PROBLEM IN ASSEMBLING DATA FOR RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT'S QUERY RELATED TO ESTIMATING THE FINAL PRODUCT FROM MATERIAL ALREADY IN THE PRODUCTION PROCESS AT THE HYDERABAD PLANT. HE KNOWS HOW MUCH COMPLETED STOCK HE HAS AND HOW MUCH RAW MATERIAL THERE IS IN INVENTORY, BUT HE FELT THAT SIMPLE, DIRECT ANSWERS TO FIRST TWO QUESTIONS POSED IN REFTEL WOULD BE MISLEADING, SO HE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BOMBAY 00631 111027Z

HAS HAD HIS TECHNICIANS CHECK WITH HYDERABAD ON MATERIAL-IN-

PROCESS QUESTION.

3. A SUBSEQUENT TELEGRAM GIVES THE TEXT OF SETHNA'S LETTER PROVIDING THE DATA REQUESTED REFTEL. THIS DATA MAY BE TREATED AS UNCLASSIFIED ON RECEIPT AND MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO IAEC OR TO CHAIRMAN SETHNA. (PREVIOUS DATA WHICH BOMBAY CONSULATE HAS TRANSMITTED GARNERED FROM SETHNA'S ASSOCIATES MAY BE USED, BUT SHOULD NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO ANYONE IN THE IAEC. RATHER, DEPARTMENT SHOULD SAY, "WE UNDERSTAND" OR "WE BELIEVE". THESE DATA ARE ACCURATE AND COME FROM THE SAME PEOPLE WHO ARE DEVELOPING THE RESPONSE TO THE REFTEL. BUT SETHNA SIMPLY WILL NOT GIVE ANYONE ELSE AUTHORITY TO SPEAK WITH IAEC ATTRIBUTION ON THIS QUESTIONS.) MY COMMENTS ON SETHNA'S LETTER WILL FOLLOW IN A SEPARATE TELEGRAM. SETHNA'S RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WHICH SETHNA REQUESTED BE PUT IN WRITING WHICH I DID IN LETTER OF MARCH 10:

(1) WHAT IS THE PRESENT INVENTORY OF FINISHED FUEL (BUNDLES OR RODS) FOR EACH OF THE TARAPUR REACTORS?

(2) IS IT ACCURATE THAT THE 12,250 KGS OF URANIUM, LICENSED SEPTEMBER 23, WILL BE FABRICATED IN JUNE-AUGUST 196?

(3) WHAT IS THE PROBABLE FREQUENCY OF RELOADING BASED ON RECENT FUEL PERFORMANCE (E.E., KVH PER RELOAD AND INTERVALS)?

(4) WHAT ARE CURRENTLY PLANNED DATES FOR NEXT RELOADS FOR EACH REACTOR?

(5) ANY OTHER DATA THAT BEARS ON THE URGENCY PROBLEM.
COURTNEY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NUCLEAR REACTORS, NUCLEAR FUELS, EXPORT LICENSES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 11 MAR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: saccheem
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BOMBAY00631
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760092-0268
From: BOMBAY
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760373/aaaacxi.tel
Line Count: 91
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION OES
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 STATE 57036
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: saccheem
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 23 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <23 JUL 2004 by ullricre>; RELEASED <23 JUL 2004 by ullricre>; RELEASED <23 JUL 2004 by ullricre>; APPROVED <04 OCT 2004 by saccheem>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TARAPUR NUCLEAR FUEL EXPORT LICENSE
TAGS: TECH, IN, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006